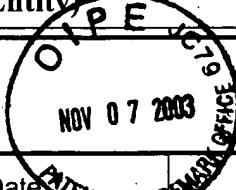


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.
 NIDN10431

In Re Application Of: Alan Cuthbertson



Serial No.
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 5, 2003 above-identified application.

Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: August 5, 2003 until: November 5, 2003

Date

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The fee for the extension of time is \$950 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-665
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 502-665

Signature

Dated: November 5, 2003

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on November 5, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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